

For: County Offices

Supplement to Notice CRP-477

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CRP-477 provided counties with activities to complete in preparation for general signup 29. The Secretary of Agriculture recently announced that general signup 29 would begin August 24, 2004, and conclude September 24, 2004.

B Purpose

This notice clarifies items in Notice CRP-477 that need to be completed for general signup 29.

2 Cost-Share Information

A Cost-Share Rates

Paragraph 2 of Notice CRP-477 addresses several aspects of establishing and reviewing cost-share rates for CRP. There is no county office action required with respect to this paragraph. Cost-share rates have been established and are current as shown in 2-CRP (Rev. 4), OK Exhibit 15.

B Cost-Share Estimates for Practices

A forthcoming notice will provide an estimated cost-share amount for each practice to enter in the GSOP offer system and to use to converse with producers.

3 Data for Land Eligibility and EBI Determination

A CPA Maps, Zone Maps, and HUC

Handbook 2-CRP (Rev. 4), OK Exhibit 2, provides the Conservation Priority Area (CPA) boundaries for the counties and Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC). These designated areas also represent the wildlife zone (N1a) and the water quality zone (N2a). To assist counties to determine whether an offer is in an approved CPA/Zone, the National office has provided a web site containing an application that will allow viewing and printing of detailed county level maps. Refer to Notice CRP-477, subparagraph 3 A, for additional information.

The web site is <http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm>. Select option 6, "CRP Signup 29 activities."

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3 Data for Land Eligibility and EBI Determination (continued)

B Rainfall (R) and Climatic (C) Data Maps

The GSOP software utilizes the R and C factors to calculate EI and related factors. The GSOP software places the counties applicable R and C factor in for the county. This is a “live” field that may be changed due to typographical reasons across the various counties in the nation.

The R and C fields on the GSOP software **shall not** be changed from the pre-populated field. There is no topography variance in any Oklahoma county supporting a change to this function; therefore, R and C maps will not be provided to counties.

C Soil Surveys

Each county office shall possess a county soil survey for conducting general signup. The soil map unit symbols for the survey shall coincide with the “Soils Maintenance-Detail Report” list of soils provided to counties at the CRP training. Counties, that administer land physically located in another county, shall obtain soil surveys for these counties to conduct signup.

D Soil Acreage Determinations

Acreage measurements will need to be made for the three predominate soils of the offered acreage and possibly the offered acreage if it is less than a total field. Measurement tools available are:

1. Numonics Digitizer
2. CRP GIS Tool

Counties, with SURGO II soil survey data available, can utilize the CRP GIS tool to make all offered acreage calculations for entry into the GSOP software. The GRP GIS tool is a stand alone software and does not interface with the GSOP software. The GRP GIS tool was recently installed on county systems for SU 29 through Information Bulletin SYSCON-1456. Additionally, Information Bulletin SYSCON-1460/CONS-709 provided counties instruction on how to place a GRP GIS tool icon on the desktop. The GRP GIS Tool User Guide was to be printed according to SYSCON-1456 for utilizing the software tool. The current user guide is dated 3-18-2004.

Counties without the SURGO II soil survey data can utilize the CRP GIS tool for acreage measurements only.

Counties without the SURGO II soil survey data will have to utilize the Numonics Digitizer to determine the three predominate soils and associated acres for an offer.

Soil survey maps are generally on a scale of one inch = 20,000 feet. Exhibit 2 provides instructions on how to set the Numonics Digitizer to measure from a soil survey with the 1”:20,000’ scale. If your soil map is not 1”:20,000’, contact the State Office.

3 Data for Land Eligibility and EBI Determination (continued)

D Soil Acreage Determinations (continued)

SURGO II counties are listed below:

Adair	Harper	Noble
Alfalfa	Hughes	Okfuskee
Beaver	Jackson	Oklahoma
Beckham	Kay	Payne
Canadian	Kingfisher	Pittsburg
Carter	LeFlore	Pottawatomie
Cherokee	Lincoln	Rogers
Cleveland	Logan	Seminole
Comanche	Love	Sequoyah
Custer	Major	Tulsa
Garfield	Marshall	Wagoner
Grant	Mayes	Washington
Harmon	Murray	Woods
		Woodward

4 CRP General Signup Practices Information

A Job Sheets

The STO is developing job sheet outlines for county office use. Counties will need to modify the job sheets to reflect local situations. The job sheets will be provided in a forthcoming notice.

B General Signup Practices

The following are general signup practices: CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP11, CP12, CP25, and CP32. Practice CP12, Wildlife Food Plot, can be used in conjunction with all general signup practices except practices CP3, CP4B, CP11, and CP25.

5 County Office Action

A Summary Chart

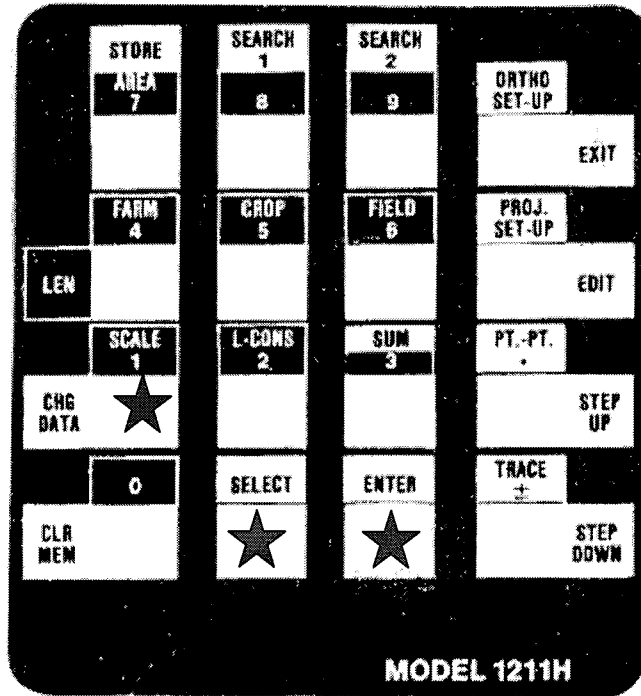
Exhibit 1 provides a summary chart of county office actions required in Notice CRP-477.

Summary of County Office Actions Necessary in Notice CRP-477

Notice CRP-477 Subparagraph:	Refer to this Notice Subparagraph:	Action Required
2 A, B, and C	2 A and B	None
3 A	3 A	Be familiar with county HUCS on Intranet
3 B	3 C	Obtain soil surveys
	3 D	Be familiar with CRP GIS tool and Numonics Digitizer for measuring acres
4 A	4 A	None
4 B	2 B	None
5 A, B, and C		Announce Continuous CRP signup in news publications
6 A and C		Complete as detailed in Notice CRP-477 and Information Bulletin CONS #708
6 B		None
6 D		If applicable – 25% limited counties only
6 E		If applicable – 25% limited counties only
6 F		None
6 G		Refer to Information Bulletin CONS #708
7 A		Review checklist
7 B		None

To Change Scale on Numonics:

The scale will need to be set to 1666 in order to measure from soils books.
 (1":1666' = 1":20,000")



Once the numonics is powered on, press **Enter**, press **Select**, then press **Scale**

Key in 1666, then press **Enter**

The display will show: **EEEEEEEE** momentarily, then will show **AE 0**

You are now ready to measure soils.